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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Officers to Work With Neighborhoods

Wyoming residents and businesses will soon see an increase in police officers in their neighborhood. Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing Services, received in December 2010, the Wyoming Police Department is now able to take a more proactive policing approach in a handful of areas within the city.

Beginning in July, three community service officers will be patrolling selected neighborhoods and connecting with citizens. The officers will also be conducting community meetings to engage with residents and help build relationships and determine neighborhood needs. The officers will eventually work with citizens in the neighborhoods to start neighborhood watch groups that they hope will help bring neighbors together and re-establish some of the neighborhood groups that have declined over the past ten years.

"The grant funding has allowed us to

focus three of our officers on proactive engagement of our communities, something that has become more difficult over the last ten years," said Sgt. James Maguffee. "Our officers will be spending substantial time in selected neighborhoods this summer and working with citizens to re-establish community groups. We will also work closely with the kids and teenagers in these neighborhoods.

"We are also developing a survey that will be mailed out to a sampling of addresses as well as be made available online at the City of Wyoming website. We hope residents will fill out the survey, which will help us continue to meet and improve policing needs in our neighborhoods."

The community service officers are planning to attend the Saturday, July 16 block party at the 1700 Havana block as a part of this effort.

Wyoming Adopts Sustainability Definition

Recently, the City of Wyoming adopted a definition for the word "sustainability." The definition reflects the importance that Wyoming has placed on building a sustainable community, and will be used as a guide in future decision making by the city council and city staff.

The new definition is as follows: The advancement and promotion, with equal priority, of environmental quality, economic strength, and social equity so that a stable and vibrant community can be assured for current and future generations.

"Acknowledging the different ideas of sustainability that exist, it became clear that we must have a uniform definition to work with," said Curtis Holt, city manager. "In order to make sure that we all focus on the same end game when discussing this concept and are not limited by focusing just on our own 'version' of what we mean, I asked a group of employees to help the council define sustainability for the city."

While the definition was adopted in May, the sustainability group is interested to hear from businesses and community members regarding what sustainability means to them as well as ways that the city can become a more sustainable community.

"Although we have adopted a definition for sustainability the work is not over. During the coming months the group that has been developing the definition will continue to work on implementing this definition across the departments and into the community. We would like to see our businesses and community members as involved in sustainable solutions as we are."

MAYOR'S

Message



This summer and fall I will be holding a series of town hall meetings around Wyoming. My goal is to answer your questions, hear your concerns and share information from our departments.

One current area of focus for us is the issue of sustainability. How can we become a more sustainable city?

I would also like to encourage you to share your priorities with me. How can we help your business and welcome new businesses to Wyoming? What ideas do you think the city could utilize? How can we communicate more efficiently with you?

I hope you will make time to attend one of our town hall meetings and share your input.

Enjoy your city, Be Involved and Be Informed,
Mayor Jack Poll

LIBRARY NEWS ADULT BOOK CLUB - We have a friendly, informal discussion on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. In July A Smile as Big as the Moon by Michael Kersjes will be discussed, followed in August by The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. SUMMER READING CLUB runs from Monday, June 13 to Saturday, August 16. Kids, teens and adults each have their own club with fun and unique activities and contests. PARK AND READ - The library has a limited number of passes to Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas. Call for information, 616-784-2007.

PARKS & RECREATION Are you looking for great deals on used toys, games, movies, children's books or sports equipment? If so then the Kid 2 Kids Sale is for you. Kids, with the help of their parents, will be setting up shop on Saturday, July 23 from 10a.m-1p.m. Come check out the awesome deals at the third annual sale held in the parking lot of the Wyoming Senior Center, 2383 DeHoop. If you are interested in selling items you must pre-register by July 15. Call the Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department for more information or to register, 616-530-3164.

WYOMING SENIOR CENTER The Wyoming Senior Center will host the Kent County Senior Millage Open House on Friday, July 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Booths representing 31 senior millage providers will share information, and there will be presentations on a variety of topics, including: identity theft, healthy aging, transportation and equipment & technology. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For more information visit, www.aaawm.org, or call, 616-456-5664.

Stay Safe With These Summer Safety Tips

The Wyoming Fire Department shared the following summer safety tips to help keep families safe this summer.

1. Always wear a helmet when riding your bike, skateboard or scooter and while rollerblading.
2. Keep a safe distance when enjoying a campfire and never play around or with the fire.
3. Be careful not to overload your plugs with air conditioners and fans.
4. Never refuel your gas-powered equipment when the engine is hot.
5. Never leave children or pets inside a closed vehicle as temperatures will quickly reach dangerous levels.



GM Demolition Scheduled

Demolition is expected to begin this summer on the GM Stamping Plant. Lormax Stern, RACER Trust, DEMCO and the City of Wyoming expect that the entire demolition project will last 15 months.

Project Timeline:

- Mobilization – 1 month as equipment is moved on site
- Environmental remediation – 4 months
- Demolition – 8 months
- Site work – 2 months

The environmental remediation work involves both internal and external work. The external work will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. During the demolition phase, residents can expect to see work taking place from 7 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Residents are encouraged to call Stewart Farber, 248-444-4204, or Jeff Green, 716-984-7586, with questions or concerns. The City of Wyoming is also glad to answer questions related to the project.

Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department	530-7250
Public Works	530-7260
Utilities	261-3550
Planning & Community Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer	530-7280
Utility Billing.....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	647-3980

Meetings

City Council Meeting | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

City Council Work Sessions | on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commissions Meetings | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Zoning Board Of Appeals | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Parks & Recreation Commission | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conf. room.

Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor

Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,
Councilmember-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Councilmember-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Councilmember-at-Large

Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Councilmember

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Councilmember

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Councilmember